



PATENT
ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 040808-5108

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Hiroyuki ABE, <i>et al.</i>)	Confirmation No: 4822
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Application No.: 09/819,977)	Group Art Unit: 2877
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Filed: March 29, 2001)	Examiner: P. Connolly
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For: PROCESS END POINT DETECTION)	
APPARATUS AND METHOD, POLISHING)	
APPARATUS, SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE)	
MANUFACTURING METHOD, AND)	
RECORDING MEDIUM WITH SIGNAL)	
PROCESSING PROGRAM)	

Commissioner for Patents
Arlington, VA 22202

Sir:

AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated January 16, 2004, the period for response which extends through April 16, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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